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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.7

Twenty-seventh report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.7 (A/C.5/58/31).

2. An analysis of the requirements of the draft resolution is contained in paragraph 2 of the statement by the Secretary-General. The Advisory Committee notes that a statement of programme budget implications (A/C.2/58/L.43) was submitted to the Second Committee in connection with its consideration of the draft resolution.

3. The Secretary-General estimates that the conference-servicing of Convention bodies, as called for under the terms of paragraph 10 of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.7, would give rise to additional requirements in the biennium 2004-2005 of $1.4 million on a full-cost basis at current rates, comprising $1,393,000 under section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, and $7,000 under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services (see A/C.5/58/31, para. 3). In addition to those costs, it is estimated that $325,400 would be required for the travel

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expenses of conference-servicing staff from Geneva to Bonn (see A/C.5/58/31, para. 4).

4. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.7, an additional provision of $1,725,400 (at current rates) would arise under sections 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services ($1,718,400), and 29D, Office of Central Support Services ($7,000), of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. The additional requirements would need to be considered for appropriation in the context of the review of the consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates, provided for in the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987 regarding the use and operation of the contingency fund, to be undertaken by the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-eighth session.**